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## FEELING EASIER EVERY DAY

ARE REPUBLICANS AT STATE CAPITAL—THE CORNWELL RECEPTION WAS A VERY PLEASANT EVENT.

The Senate passed and reported to the House, Senate bill 19, relating to the collection of taxes.

The House advanced a number of bills, and passed House bills 11 and 12 and Senate bill 10.

The feature of the day's session, however, was the speech of Cunningham, in which he made some rather malicious attacks upon Judge Reynolds.

Mr. Cunningham opposed House bill 11, providing the county should pay a part of the expenses of boys committed to the Reform School. Four or five Republicans voted with the Democrats for the bill, but not enough to defeat the bill, which passed by a majority of five.

Nominee Cornwell, who arrived on the nine o'clock train last night, was met by a delegation of the faithful and escorted to the Hotel Ruffner, where he made a speech, intimating his desire to be governor, and expressing hope that something might happen to allow him to realize his dreams. The reception was a pleasant affair, in which the Republicans participated very generously in the way of swelling the crowd, which was none too large at best. The members of the two houses had just returned from the splendid excursion given them by the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, and were in good spirits. But politically, the reception was not a howling success.

Republicans here are feeling easier every day.

## HEAVY GUN FIRE

HAS TO BE FACED BY JAPANESE WHILE FORTIFYING HILLS ALREADY CAPTURED.

CHEEFOO, Aug. 9.—The firing at Port Arthur, which was heard here from 10:30 o'clock last night, continued at most frequent intervals until 3:30 this morning. The firing was heavy and was distinctly heard at Cheefoo, conditions being peculiarly favorable. A junk has arrived here which left Port Arthur on Aug. 6th. Those aboard the boat report that nothing has occurred with the exception of desultory exchanges of shot since July 28. An engineer who was on board the junk declares it will take the Japanese a month to fortify the hills which they have captured and plant siege guns. This, he says, is true owing to the heavy gun fire of the Russians which the Japanese must face in their work.

## MISS ROSS

WILL NOT ACCEPT POSITION AS TEACHER IN THE HUNTINGTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

Miss Olive Ross has written to friends in Fairmont that she will not accept the position to which she was elected in the Normal School at Huntington. She is now in Germany. She will return this fall and then take up special work in New York City.

It is understood that Miss Ross desired to teach in the Fairmont Normal another year, but as the board transferred her to the Huntington school, she will now drop Normal School work altogether for the present. Her friends here do not know just when she will return home.

### They Do Know Him.

The Democratic party of this State held Henry G. Davis up as the father of the tax commission bills in West Virginia until he was nominated for the Vice Presidency. Then they sought some one else to fill the bill in that particular and finally landed on John J. Cornwell whom they nominated for governor. As the people generally do not know how he stands in the matter they will naturally be anxious to learn his opinion on this great question, but he may be like the silent Parker—Clarksburg Telegram.

Better read up a little Mr. Telegram editor. The people do know how Mr. Cornwell stands. He stands square against tax reform, being one of the very first men to bitterly attack the report of the tax commission. What the tax reformers will do to Cornwell will be sufficient.

## SENATOR VEST IS DEAD

MISSOURI'S VENERABLE STATESMAN DIED THIS MORNING OF DISEASES INCIDENT TO OLD AGE.

HE WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY THE MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES.

SWEET SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 9.—George Graham Vest, ex-Senator of Missouri, died at 5 A. M. to-day, of general debility, aged 74.

George Graham Vest was born at Frankfort, Ky., December 6, 1830, and was graduated from Center College, Kentucky, in 1848. He completed his law course at the Transylvania University in 1854, and moved to Missouri the same year. He was in the Missouri Senate when the war broke out. He went with the South and became a Confederate soldier. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1879 and served until December, 1902, when he retired to his daughter's home in St. Louis. He made the same gallant fight for life that always marked his battles in public, but the odds were against him. Vest was small in stature, slow and deliberate in moving, and never lost his temper. In the Senate he was regarded with veneration, and whenever he arose to speak every member hurried to his place to listen. He had as many Republican friends as Democrats, for all recognized that Vest was of the type of statesmen who would rather die than do the slightest dishonorable act.

He lived simply and died a poor man. He was addicted to old style frock coats, broad slouch hats and long ties.

He was the most brilliant member of the famous "big four" that has been such a powerful political factor in Missouri for over thirty years.

The others are Senator F. M. Cockrell, U. S. District Judge John F. Phillips and ex-Governor Thomas T. Crittenden.

Vest's death was just the kind he did not wish to meet.

"Let me not live," he said frequently, "when life has become an every day conflict with disease and pain, when we are about to sink into senility and second childhood."

Vest, having served continuously in the Senate for 24 years, withdrew last spring to his summer home here, owing to constantly recurring illnesses. His decline was not stopped as he hoped, by withdrawal from public life.

Senator Vest's final critical illness began three weeks ago.

## MUCH MARRIED

DIVORCE COURT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO MAKE A RECORD IN MATRIMONY.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 9.—Lewis Brindley, a young Des Moines butcher, twenty-five years old, bears the distinction of living with his sixth wife. Brindley is not bound to the previous five, they having taken advantage of the divorce laws to be rid of him when he manifested a loss of affection for them.

Brindley came to Des Moines from Menlow, Iowa, where it is said he was married three times. He came to Des Moines three years ago, and as a result his name appears on the Polk county marriage record three times and on the divorce docket back through several volumes.

In 1901 Brindley married Sarah Sparks, a girl of twenty years, but the union was short, for in less than a year she was divorced. In 1902 he married Gertie M. Morgan, aged twenty-four, but she, too, was divorced, and in 1903 he was married to Philena M. Lassell, thirty-two. It is her second venture in to the matrimonial world, and so far she has kept her name from the divorce docket.

Every dollar is a servant—and should be kept busy; else the servants become the masters. Work for dollars can be found through the want ads. as readily as work for men.

"Shallow men believe in luck—strong men in cause and effect." Luck finds a job for one man and leaves ten in idleness; effective want advertising reverses the proportion.

All 25c white mercerized goods to close out for 15c yard. The Bon Ton.

MR. BRYAN SUPPORTS THE TICKET—WITH A CLUB.



—Chicago Record-Herald.

## STRIKE BEGINS

TO-MORROW AT EIGHT O'CLOCK AT THE NEW YORK END OF THE LINE.

AFFECTS THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED MEN—GROWS OUT OF CHICAGO TROUBLE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The thirteen locals of the Amalgamated Meat Butchers and Cutters gave notice to-day to the local packers that at 8 o'clock to-morrow a strike would be on. The strike order, which was issued last night, will affect 3,500 men. The independent packers will not be affected by the strike order unless they aid or assist the meat trust. The strike order came from National President Donnelly, in Chicago, some days after he ordered the second strike, but the order was held up until the local unions voted on it. The vote was for a strike, but the strike order was still held in abeyance until Henry L. Richberger, who represents the national executive committee here could consult with Homer D. Call, the national secretary, who had been expected here for a week, but only arrived on Sunday. The meeting of the advisory board last night lasted over five hours, after which the following statement was given out:

"Complying with the order coming from National Secretary Homer D. Call and Fourth Vice President Richberger, the advisory board has decided to give the 24 hours' notice, beginning at 8 A. M., Tuesday morning, calling out all men employed by the meat trust in New York and vicinity, and if any of the independent houses aid or assist the packers their men will be called out.

This course has been made necessary by the fact that the meat trust has been shipping its stock from the West to New York and asking us to slaughter the same after our men in the West have been on strike."

## RETREATING

THE RUSSIAN FORCES ARE SAID TO BE—REPORT IS NOT CONFIRMED.

TOKIO, Aug. 9.—A report reached here to-day that the Russian force near Liao Yang is retreating to the North through Chang Tien, on the road to Mukden, leaving their cavalry alone to act as their rear guard. The report is not confirmed.

A dispatch from Gensan, Korea, states that yesterday morning about thirty Russians appeared before that town, but were repulsed by the Japanese out posts.

### Broke Up the Meeting.

Sam Jones, the evangelist, preaching in Georgia recently, saw a well dressed young man leaving the church. Shaking his finger at at absconder, Jones thundered: "Young man, would you rather go to hell than sit here and hear me finish this sermon?" Stopping a moment and scratching his head, the young man replied: "Yes, sir, I think I would," and stepped outside the door. It broke up the meeting.—Exchange.

## "SNAKES, SNAKES,"

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES," YELLED A TEMPERANCE LECTURER. GREAT EXCITEMENT REIGNED.

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 9.—Evangelist Zeak was soaring in the dizzy heights of temperance eloquence yesterday, when he suddenly noticed a gigantic python wriggling across the rostrum. Taking a second look to assure himself that he was not mistaken, Zeak yelled frantically: "Snakes, snakes, run for your lives!" Following the example of the speaker, the congregation fled pell mell.

Elder Robinson ran up on the speaker's stand to stop the stampede. He doubted that there were real snakes in the vicinity. "Something is the matter with our brother," he said. Then the python stuck its head above the platform and the elder joined in the general retreat.

All this time the drums and tom toms of the dog and pony show were beating in the tents not far distant. Suddenly a bespangled figure ran over from the circus confines, and a breathless passer-by told her a snake was after the congregation.

"It's my Toby," she said. "Somebody left the cage door open."

Toby wiggled exultantly as the snake charmer carried it past the rear guard of the evangelist's fleeing followers.

## ATTACKED POLICE

SOLDIERS MUTINIED AND MUCH TROUBLE IS ON AMONG THE CZAR'S OWN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 9.—Mail advices from Stetchigri in the government of Koursk, report serious disorders there among the reserves mobilized in the latter part of June.

A sergeant struck a soldier with a cane and the soldier fellows resented the blow. Three thousand of the reserved mutinied and attacked, dispersing the police. The mutineers attacked several shops and demanded ransoms from the proprietors. They raided the imperial whiskey monopoly headquarters, crying: "It belongs to the Czar, and so do we!"

A priest who tried to subdue the insurrection, was interrupted with shouts of "Liar, thy God did not order this war!"

Troops were summoned and quelled the disturbance and took the ring leaders into custody.

## CONSIGNED TO EARTH

WERE THE REMAINS OF MICHAEL MCFAGAN WITHOUT THE USUAL FUNERAL RITES.

The remains of Michael McFagan, who was drowned at the camp of the Johns Glass House employees Sunday, was laid to rest in the Holy Cross cemetery this morning at 11 o'clock. There were no funeral rites held over the body of the dead man.

## REFORM SCHOOL BOYS

GOT AWAY YESTERDAY AND WORD CAME TO FAIRMONT POLICE TO WATCH FOR THEM.

Look out for four colored boys, ages ranging from thirteen to sixteen, was the substance of a message received here last night about 8 o'clock by Constable Jones. The message came from O. E. Darnall, superintendent of the reform school at Pruntytown, from which institution the escape was made. As to what direction the boys took was not definitely known, but the supposition was that they were headed in the direction of Fairmont, as the leader of the gang came through here some months ago. The police were notified by Constable Jones and a close watch was kept on all trains during the night up to four o'clock this morning, when another message came over the wires, stating that the escaped victims had been apprehended near Fetterman. The boys' liberty was of short duration, they having been taken back to Pruntytown to-day.

What method the boys pursued in making their escape, could not be learned.

## IN CAMP

THE WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARDS ARE PITCHING TENTS AT "CAMP SCOTT."

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 8.—The annual encampment of the First and Second regiments of the West Virginia National Guard began auspicious this afternoon at "Camp Scott." Ten of the twelve companies which will be in camp here for nine days, to-night sleep in their tents on the camp grounds and the remaining companies will arrive in the city Tuesday morning on a special train over the B. & O. The brigade formed by two regiments of six companies each, the Charleston signal corps of twenty men in command of Lieutenant General Harris, the Second regiment band of this city, and the First regiment band, of Shinnston, will be in command of Colonel Harry R. Smith, of Clarksburg. Lieutenant Colonel W. W. Scott, of Fairmont, will be in command of the First regiment, and Lieutenant Colonel C. N. Smith, of Ronceverte, of the Second regiment. Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Lewis is the brigade adjutant general. Other field officers who are now in camp here are: Major Lester Ridenour, of Charleston; First Lieutenant R. C. Breckwith, of Parkersburg; John L. Hunt, of Burton; Captain John Henshaw, of Fairmont; H. L. Hopkins, T. R. Cowell, of Parkersburg; Harvey Pollock, of Wheeling, and Capt. E. H. Smith, of Fairmont.

## RUSSIAN VESSELS

ARE STILL ON THE WATCH FOR CONTRABAND OF WAR—ORDER WAS OBEYED AND TROUBLE AVERTED.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—According to the Plymouth agent of Lloyd's the coast of France is being patrolled by Russian vessels on the lookout for contraband. The agent wires that the British steamer Manora has arrived there from Calcutta, and reports meeting, 25 miles South of Finistere, France, a large three funnel cruiser, flying the Russian war flag, and having her guns mounted. The vessel was evidently one of the recently purchased German liners. The cruiser signalled to the Manora to hoist her ensign. This was done and the cruiser departed.

### HEAP BIG SCORE.

This morning's game at Mt. Lake: Fairmont, 15; Piedmont, 1.

### Circuit Court.

Eliaam L. Gump et al. have entered suit in chancery against Grant Arnett et al. Attorneys Moreland and Glascock, of Morgantown, represent the plaintiffs.

25c colored shirt waists goods, only 15c yard. The Bon Ton.

## STRIKE LEADERS HAPPY

TWO BIG STREET RAILWAY UNIONS PLEDGED MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT LAST NIGHT.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Official improvement of the packing houses teamsters' strike, a call to the butchers' workmen in New York city to walk out to-morrow morning, and moral and financial support voted by the two big street railway unions in Chicago were three events which sent the leaders of the packing house strike to bed last night with light hearts and high hopes.

By endorsing the action of its unions in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph in ordering a strike in sympathy with the butchers' workmen and by pledging its entire resources to support all teamsters who have or may hereafter walk out, the international brotherhood of teamsters at its convention in Cincinnati is believed to have given impetus to the threatened action of ice wagon drivers to shut off ice from every market receiving supplies from the packers.

A meeting of the teamsters' joint council will be held this evening and final action taken. The packing house teamsters' union will ask for the aid of the ice wagon drivers and helpers, the grocery and market wagon drivers, and the truck teamsters' union in its sympathetic strike and on account of the national organization the union leaders think their request will be granted.

## READY

IS MR. DAVIS TO BE TOLD THAT HE IS THE NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

ELKINS, W. Va., Aug. 9.—Former Senator Henry G. Davis, Vice Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket, has announced that he has concluded to arrange for his notification by the committee on notification at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., at 1 P. M. on the 17th inst.

Arrangements are being made for special trains to convey the committee and Senator's party from Elk and Charleston, W. Va., and Cumberland, Md.

Senator Davis, accompanied by C. M. Hendley and Secretary H. W. Mollman, left here late yesterday afternoon for Deer Park, Md., where they spent the night. To-day the Senator will make a short address at the Chautauqua at Mountain Lake Park, Md., to which point the party proceeded this forenoon, the occasion being the reception to Lieutenant Hobson, of Santiago fame.

The candidate will return to Grace-land on Wednesday and complete arrangements for his notification meeting.

## BROKE HIS ARM

A PITTSBURG MILLIONAIRE STEPPED FROM A SECOND STORY WINDOW WITH SERIOUS RESULTS.

DETROIT, Aug. 9.—George A. Chalfant, a Pittsburgh steel man and millionaire, lies in Harper hospital, suffering from a broken arm and from internal injuries that are somewhat serious. It is thought, however, that he will recover.

Mr. Chalfant was stopping at the Star Island House, the flats. Saturday morning he rose from his bed, and going to the window of his room, stepped therefrom to the ground, two stories below. When friends picked him up it was found that his right arm was broken between the shoulder and the elbow, and that he was suffering considerable internal pain.

We are giving 10 per cent. off on water coolers and filters. J. L. Hall's hardware store.

### THE WEATHER.

Showers To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair to-night, with warmer in eastern portion. Wednesday, showers and warmer.